



United States District Court NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

LR83.1. Court Facilities: Limitations on Use

Local Rule

(a) Court Environs Defined. For the purpose of this rule the term "court environs" shall refer to the following areas:

(1) in Chicago in the Courthouse:

(A) the 6th and 7th floors, and the 12th through the 25th floors, inclusive;

(B) the offices of the Pretrial Services Department of this Court on the 15th floor, and the public corridors immediately adjacent to those offices;

(C) the central jury assembly lounge, south elevator banks, and corridors leading from one to the other on the 2nd floor; and

(D) the immediate areas surrounding the elevators on the 1st floor;

(2) in Chicago but not in the Courthouse, the offices of the Probation Department of this Court located at 55 East Monroe Street;

(3) in the Eastern Division but not in Chicago, the immediate area surrounding the courtroom on the 2nd floor of the Federal Building and Courthouse at Joliet; and

(4) in the Western Division, the entire 1st and 2nd floors of the Courthouse at Rockford.

(b) Soliciting & Loitering Prohibited. Soliciting and loitering within the court environs is prohibited. The unapproved congregating of groups or the causing of a disturbance or nuisance within the courthouses of this Court is prohibited. Picketing or parading outside of the courthouses of this Court is prohibited only when such picketing or parading obstructs or impedes the orderly administration of justice.

(c) No Cameras or Recorders. The taking of photographs, radio and television broadcasting or taping in the court environs during the progress of or in connection with judicial proceedings including proceedings before a United States magistrate judge, whether or not court is actually in session, is prohibited.

(d) Marshal to Enforce. The United States marshal and the Custodian of the courthouses shall enforce sections (b) and (c) of this rule, either by ejecting violators from the courthouse or by causing them to appear before one of the judges of this Court for a hearing and the imposition of such punishment as the court may deem proper.

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

GENERAL ORDER 07 - 001

GUIDELINES REGARDING USE OF THE EVERETT MCKINLEY DIRKSEN UNITED
STATES COURTHOUSE LOBBY BY MEDIA PERSONNEL

FOR THE PURPOSES OF protecting the freedom of the press by according media personnel the privilege of using the lobby of the Everett McKinley Dirksen United States Courthouse to gather newsworthy information; and

FOR THE FURTHER PURPOSES OF protecting the public's right of access to the courts as well as protecting the physical safety and security of members of the public, Courthouse employees, and media personnel who make use of the lobby area of the Everett McKinley Dirksen United States Courthouse;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that a designated media area located within the secured area of the Courthouse lobby shall be determined, maintained, and supervised by the United States Marshals and Court Security Officers for use by media personnel during hours when the Courthouse is open to the public, consistent with appropriate Courthouse decorum; and

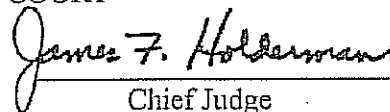
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that no member of the media may solicit or conduct any on- or off-camera interview for broadcast or publication within the Courthouse lobby other than within the designated media area; this includes leaving the designated media area to film, photograph, or interview people passing through the lobby area; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any members of the public or government personnel who assent to be interviewed by the media in the Courthouse lobby shall be positioned at the north or south entrance of the designated media area during such interviews; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the United States Marshals and Court Security Officers are authorized to enforce the directives of this General Order; any person found to have violated this General Order may be in contempt of Court and expelled from the Courthouse until an order of the Chief Judge of this Court, upon petition, reinstating access to the Courthouse.

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FOR THE COURT


Chief Judge

Dated at Chicago, Illinois this 9th day of January, 2007.

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS**

GENERAL ORDER 07 - 003

**REGISTRATION OF MEDIA PERSONNEL DESIRING PRIVILEGES AND
ACCOMMODATIONS IN ANY COURTHOUSE OF THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT
COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS**

FOR THE PURPOSES OF protecting the freedom of the press and according appropriate privileges to the media to accommodate the unique needs of media personnel desiring to attend courtroom proceedings in cases of special interest to the media and the general public; and

FOR THE FURTHER PURPOSES OF protecting the rights of the general public to attend Courthouse proceedings that are open to the public;

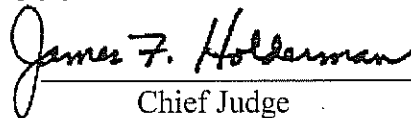
IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Clerk of Court may provide privileges and accommodations to media personnel, including but not limited to reserved courtroom seating, access to designated media offices within the Courthouse, and periodic updates regarding developments in cases of interest; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, in exchange for these special accommodations, the Clerk of Court may require advanced registration of all media personnel desiring privileges and accommodations; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, as part of the registration process, the Clerk of Court may require proof of identification for media personnel desiring privileges and accommodations, and may require that such media personnel abide by the Orders, Guidelines, and Local Rules of the Court while in the Courthouse.

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FOR THE COURT



Chief Judge

Dated at Chicago, Illinois this 17th day of January, 2007.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

GENERAL ORDER 09 - 015

USE OF TEXT-BASED TECHNOLOGY TO RECEIVE AND SEND TEXT MESSAGES
ON HANDHELD DEVICES IN COURTROOMS

FOR THE PURPOSES OF protecting the freedom of the press and the right of the general public to attend and have access to information about Court proceedings that are open to the public; and

FOR THE FURTHER PURPOSES OF protecting the right of all litigants who come before the Court to the fair and impartial administration of justice in an appropriate Courtroom setting that is free from undue distractions and disturbances;

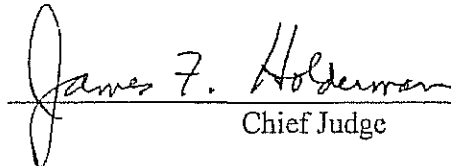
IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that any Judge of the Court may, in his or her discretion, permit the use of text-based technology to receive and send text messages on handheld devices by persons in the public area of the Courtroom during Court proceedings, so long as such use of text-based technology does not include the use of any photography, broadcasting, radio, telephone or other audio transmission, or any audio or visual recording or transmission in violation of Local Rule 83.1(c), and does not emit sounds or otherwise disturb or distract from Court proceedings; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that each Judge of the Court has the discretion to determine whether the use of a handheld device for purposes of sending and receiving text messages constitutes an undue disturbance or distraction or otherwise should be prohibited in his or her Courtroom at any time; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the United States Marshal remains authorized to enforce Local Rule 83.1 in accordance with the procedures set forth therein.

ENTER:

FOR THE COURT



Chief Judge

Dated at Chicago, Illinois this 24~~th~~ day of June, 2009.